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Annual Rabies Vaccination Drive to be Held

MEMPHIS, TN – The annual Rabies Drive sponsored by the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department's Vector Control will be held on Saturday, April 21st and Saturday, April 28th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to bring their dogs and cats to either location listed below to receive rabies vaccinations:

• Benjamin Hooks Central Library 3030 Poplar Avenue

• Mullins Station Parking Lot (west) 1075 Mullins Station Road

Although the majority of rabies cases occur in wildlife, most humans will need the rabies vaccine after being exposed to infected domestic animals. It is affordable to vaccinate pets before they are exposed to animals carrying the rabies virus.

"The Rabies Vaccination drive is an excellent time to safely vaccinate your pets without paying additional administrative costs. The vaccination will protect your pet from an avoidable illness, as well as your family," said Dr. Daniel Sprenger, Manager of Vector Control.

The cost of the vaccination and license fees varies by city. The vaccination costs \$10 regardless of your location but the price for a rabies tag, which is required by law, is different depending on your city of residence.

Memphis

• Sterile:

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 Tags = \$5.00

Fertile:

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 Tags = \$15.00

Shelby County

• Sterile:

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 Tags = \$5.00

• Fertile:

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 Tags = \$15.00

Germantown

Sterile:

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 Tags = \$10.00

• Fertile:

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 Tags = \$15.00

Bartlett

• Sterile:

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 Tags = \$10.00

• Fertile:

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 Tags = \$16.00

All dogs must be on a leash, and cats in a carrier. This will ensure the safety of both the pet and the public. If you have any questions concerning the Rabies Drive, please call Vector Control at (901) 324-5547 during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.